



Command Sergeant Major is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana; he enlisted in the United States Army in May 1989 as a Unit Supply Specialist.

During his 21 years of service, Sergeant Major Ferdinand served in several key duty positions as a Unit Supply Specialist. His assignments include duty as a Battalion S4 Specialist and Unit Armorer; 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 73rd Armor, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Unit Armor and Supply Sergeant; 2nd Battalion, 68th Armor, Baumholder, Germany. Supply Sergeant and Property Book NCOIC; 319th Military Intelligence Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC. Brigade S4 NCOIC; 4th Aviation Brigade, Hanau, Germany. Battalion S4 NCOIC; 1st Battalion (Attack), 501st Aviation Regiment, Hanau, Germany. Service Detachment Sergeant; 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, NC. Battalion S4 and 1SG; 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 1st Special Warfare Training Group, Fort Bragg, NC. G4 Sergeant Major 311th Signal Command Fort Shafter, Hawaii. In June 2010, he assumed duties as the Commander Sergeant Major of 225th Brigade Support Battalion.

His military education and schools include Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, Basic Airborne, Jumpmaster, Air Assault, Basic Instructor Course, Master Facilitators Course, Battle Staff Course, the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, and is currently enrolled in the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Non Resident Class 35.

Command Sergeant Major Ferdinand's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7TH Award), NATO Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medals, Saudi Arabia Liberation Medals, Kuwait Liberation Medals, Kosovo Campaign Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 2, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign

Medal(2BSS), Iraq Campaign Medal(3BSS), Army Superior Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Wheel Drivers Badge, and the Australian, Polish, and German Parachutist Badges.

Command Sergeant Major Ferdinand's deployment include Operation Desert Shield/Storm, 3rd Bn., 73rd Armor (A); Intense Action Kuwaiti, 2nd Bn., 68th Armor; Operation Joint Guardian II KFOR2B Kosovo, 4th Aviation Brigade ; Operation Iraqi Freedom, 1st Bn. (A), 501st Aviation Regiment; Operation Enduring Freedom, 7th Special Forces Group (A); Operation Enduring Freedom, 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion; and currently Deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn, 225th BSB, 2-25 AAB.